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**CAREER BANK ROBBER FROM OCALA SENTENCED TO
MORE THAN FOURTEEN YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON**

OCALA, FLORIDA - Senior United States District Judge Wm. Terrell Hodges today sentenced Charles Edward McClure, age 59, to 14 years' and two months' imprisonment on a federal bank robbery charge. McClure also must serve three years on supervised release after his prison sentence and pay a special assessment of \$100.

According to the facts presented at the plea hearing, on March 6, 2006, McClure robbed a branch of the Central Florida State Bank located at 1025 East Silver Springs Boulevard, Ocala, Florida. McClure escaped from the bank after obtaining money, but was caught about an hour later drinking in a local bar. When officers questioned McClure, he said that he had robbed the bank because he was broke. McClure, who was on parole for bank robbery at the time of this offense, will serve his new sentence consecutively to any sentence imposed for his violation of parole.

The case represents the culmination of a cooperative effort between the United States Attorney's Office, the State Attorney's Office for Marion County, the Ocala Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This is another case prosecuted as

a part the Department of Justice program "Project Safe Neighborhoods" - a nationwide gun violence reduction initiative. United States Attorney Paul I. Perez is coordinating the cooperative effort here in the Middle District of Florida with federal, state and local law enforcement officials. The objective is to reduce violent crime by swiftly prosecuting offenders using both federal and state laws.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert E. Bodnar, Jr.